

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION</b>	<b>NOTICE TO ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL ON PETITION TO APPOINT GUARDIAN</b>	<b>FILE NO.</b>
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In the matter of \_\_\_\_\_, alleged incapacitated individual

**NATURE, PURPOSE, AND LEGAL EFFECT OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN**

A guardian is a person who is appointed by a court to help an individual make personal decisions when the individual is unable to make such decisions. If a guardian is appointed for you, the guardian would make decisions for you that you now may make for yourself. For example, the guardian could decide such things as what medical care you receive and where you live.

If appointed, the guardian will have the responsibility to secure services for you to restore you to the best possible state of mental and physical well-being so that you can return to self-management at the earliest possible time.

A person has been appointed by the court to more fully explain these matters to you. That person is called a guardian ad litem. He or she will contact you to answer your questions.

**RIGHTS**

1. You have the right to secure, at your own expense, an independent evaluation of your condition. If you cannot afford to pay for the evaluation, the court will approve reasonable costs at public expense.
2. You have the right to be present in person at the hearing and to see or hear all evidence about your condition. If you wish to be present at the hearing, all practical steps will be taken to ensure your presence, including, if necessary, moving the site of the hearing.
3. You are entitled to be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may request the court to appoint one for you at public expense.
4. You have the right to present evidence at the hearing.
5. You have the right to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing, including a court appointed physician or mental health professional and the visitor.
6. You have the right to a trial by jury.
7. You have the right to request that the hearing be closed to the public.
8. You have the right to contest the petition, to request limits on the guardian's powers, and to object to a particular person being appointed guardian.
9. You have the right to nominate your guardian.

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